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In re the Application of:

HIRAI et al.

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Examiner: Unassigned

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For:

CRYSTALLINE AROMATIC POLYESTER RESIN PREPUFF AND MOLDED

FOAM ARTICLE AND LAMINATED MOLDED FOAM ARTICLE USING THE

**SAME** 

## SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents

Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

Prior to an initial examination of the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.153(b), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

- 4. (Amended twice) The prepuff of claim 1, obtainable by cutting a foamed extrudate.
- 15. (Amended) The prepuff of claim 2, further comprising a polytetrafluoroethylene resin in an amount ranging from 0.005 to 0.1 parts by weight based on 100 parts by weight of the prepuff, wherein the prepuff is obtainable by cutting a strand shaped foamed extrudate into generally cylindrical shapes.